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Title : **DEVICE FOR CONTINUOUSLY FILLING AND
CLOSING COMPOSITE CARDBOARD/PLASTIC
PACKAGINGS OPENED ON ONE SIDE AND
CELL CAGE FOR TRANSPORTING SAID
PACKAGINGS IN THE DEVICE**
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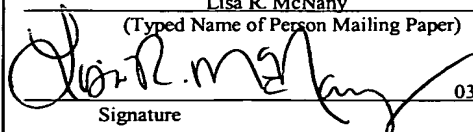
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This application is the national phase of International Application No. PCT/EP2004/006525, which was filed on June 17, 2004 and claims priority to German Application No. 103 27 184.8, filed June 17, 2003.

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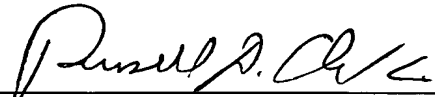
The European reference EP 0 707 550 B1 was cited on page 3 of the present application and is relevant for the reasons given therein. This reference has been replaced by WO 95/02539 A1 pursuant to Article 158 of the European Patent Convention. The references EP 0 727 367 A1 and WO 95/02539 A1 were cited on page 3 of the present application as well as in the International Search Report (ISR) in the corresponding PCT application and are relevant for the reasons given therein. The references WO 96/23655 A, WO 96/26114 A, US 2,941,237, and US 6,073,423 were also cited in the ISR and are relevant for the reasons given therein. Because a copy of the ISR was already received by the Office, as confirmed by the Notice of Acceptance of Application mailed October 2, 2006, no copy is included herein.

All of the other references listed on Form PTO/SB/08A, including all of the German references and US 6,101,786, were cited in an Office Action dated January 30, 2004 issued by the German Patent Office in connection with the prosecution of the corresponding German application. It should be noted that DE 694 16 130 T2 corresponds to WO 95/02539 A1. A copy of the German Office Action is enclosed. No English-language abstract of DE 93 11 106 U1 is available.

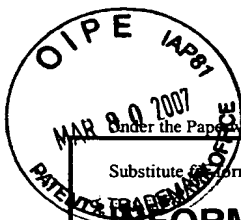
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